GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2038
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2002
REMOVAL OF LIQUOR SHOPS SET UP ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of liquor shops have been set up along the National Highways;

(b) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has received representations to remove such liquor shops;

(c) if so, the reaction of the NHAI thereto;

(d) whether NHAI has called any meeting with the petitioners to discuss the issue and its role in removing the liquor shops;

(e) if so, the venue and date of such a meeting; and

(f) the action being taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) Yes, Sir. Some liquor shops have been permitted along the National Highways by the State Governments.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) One representation from Dr. P. Pulla Rao, Chairman, Road Safety Forum, Polavaram, West Godavari District, has been received which has been forwarded to the State Government. The issue and cancellation of licences for setting up liquor shops fall under the purview of State Government. However, National Highways Authority of India has requested Dr. Rao to intimate the date and venue for a seminar to be organized on Road Safety, in which this issue will also be discussed.